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18TH ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE & FESTIVAL IN DOWNTOWN HOLLYWOOD **Sunday, March 13th noon to 6 p.m.**

Hollywood, FL – The City of Hollywood, Hibernians of Hollywood and the Community Redevelopment Agency team up to host this annual, free celebration of all things Irish. This year's parade and festival will run from noon to 6 p.m. in the heart of Downtown Hollywood. At 1 p.m. the parade will travel east on Hollywood Boulevard from 21st Avenue to Young Circle, returning on Harrison Street to 21st Avenue.

Radio personality Footy will emcee the parade featuring Grand Marshal Thomas M. Lynch IV, dozens of floats, local marching bands and spectacular bagpipe and drum corps including the famous New York Police Department Emerald Society Pipe and Drum Corps. Anniversary Park will go green and transform into the "Magic of the Emerald Isle" children's activity area featuring games and crafts for youngsters of all ages.

There is an exciting line-up of traditional Irish entertainment and award-winning Irish bands including headliner *Emish*, a Celtic rock band that headlines major festivals and concerts across the United States, *Joe Dougherty* and *UV* the U2 Tribute Band. Performances will take place on the stage at 19th Avenue and Hollywood Boulevard.

Downtown Hollywood restaurants will be offering festival specials including Irish favorites like Corned Beef & Cabbage, Shepherd's Pie and green-colored drinks! \$10 event parking in City owned garages. Additional parking will be available in convenient, marked lots throughout downtown Hollywood.

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Complete event information is available at www.stpatricksparade.com or by calling the City of Hollywood Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts at 954.921.3404. For media inquiries, please contact Joann Hussey, City of Hollywood Public Information Manager at 954.921.3328.

Grand Marshal Biography:

The honorable Thomas M. Lynch IV is a judge of the 17th Judicial Circuit Court, Civil Division, in Florida. Lynch, a lifelong resident in South Broward, was appointed to the court by former Governor Lawton Chiles in April 1995. In January, 2016 Judge Lynch celebrated his 32nd year on the bench. In addition to serving his community, Judge Lynch's enjoys spending free time with his family and surfing.

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